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Remarks

Claims 20 and 21 are added. Claims 2 to 6, 8 to 15 and 17 to 19 are amended. Claims 2 to 21 are pending in this application of which only claims 10 and 19 are in independent form.

Claims 2 to 19 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because the phrase "quantity prescription" is not specifically described in the applicant's specification.

The applicant's invention is especially well described in the applicant's disclosure starting at page 15, line 4, and continuing to page 16, line 10. This shows by way of example with reference to FIGS. 2 and 3 how a desired torque is adapted sequentially via individual torque requests in accordance with the sequence plan shown in FIG. 2. The claims have been amended herein to delete the phrase "quantity prescription" and to substitute therefor -- request quantity --. In FIG. 3, the request quantity is shown, by way of example, as a torque request.

Claim 19 is amended to make clear that, in a first method step, request quantities are received for an output quantity of the drive unit. Each of these request quantities are assigned a priority as set forth in the second method step. In a third method step, the request quantities are coordinated time sequences in dependence upon their respective priorities which then leads to a resulting request quantity as a desired value for the output quantity. The desired value for the output quantity is adjusted in the last method step.

Claim 10 is amended in a corresponding manner so that both independent claims 10 and 19 should now satisfy the requirements of 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

The dependent claims in this application have been amended where needed so that the elements recited therein are consistent with their antecedents in the independent claims.

The application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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